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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In further response to the office action mailed January 11, 2002, Applicants provide the following.

In the Specification

At page 28, Applicants request that the abstract be replaced with the amended abstract submitted herewith on a separate sheet.

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Remarks

Entry of this Supplemental Response is requested. The Supplemental Response includes the replacement abstract that is mentioned in the Response filed on July 11, 2002. In a telephone call from Wanda Brown of the USPTO to the undersigned on July 24, 2002, the abstract mentioned in the July 11 Response was indicated as not being present.

Any questions concerning this paper can be directed to the attention of the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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The abstract has been amended as follows.

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Abstract

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